

MASSACHUSETTS FIRES IN 2005

28,793 Fires - Down 3% From 2004

51 Civilian Deaths
360 Civilian Injuries
523 Fire Service Injuries
\$222 Million in Property Damage
1,219 Reported Arsons



Structure Fires

14,662 Fires - Up 3%
40 Civilian Deaths
302 Civilian Injuries
469 Fire Service Injuries
\$202 Million in Property Damage
338 Arsons Reported



Motor Vehicle Fires

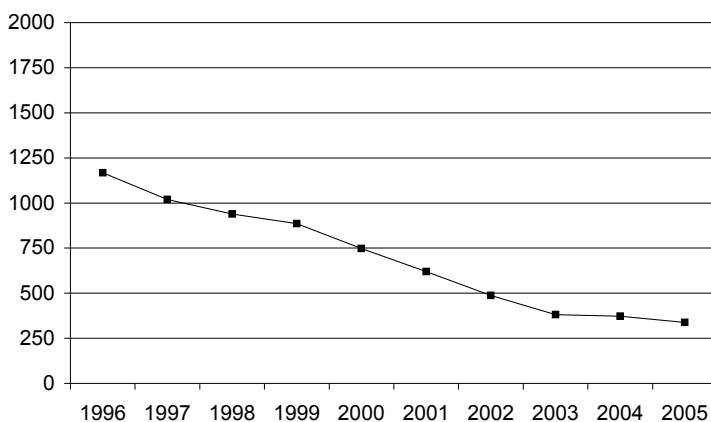
3,666 Fires -Down 4%
7 Civilian Deaths
27 Civilian Injuries
23 Fire Service Injuries
\$14.8 Million in Property Damage
176 Arsons Reported



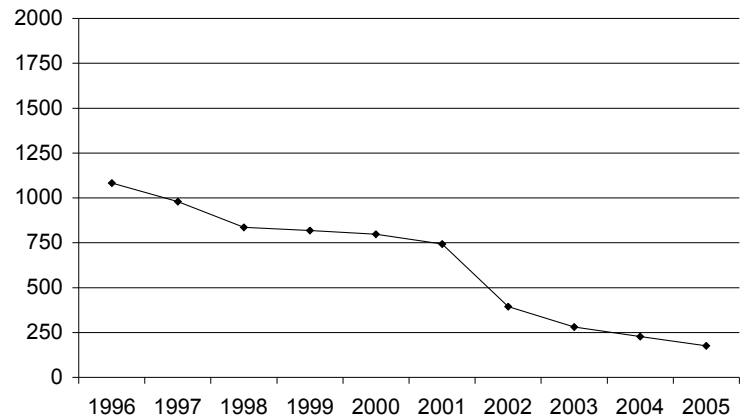
Other Fires

10,465 Fires - Up 13%
4 Civilian Deaths
31 Civilian Injuries
31 Fire Service Injuries
\$5 Million in Property Damage
705 Arsons Reported

Structure Arson by Year



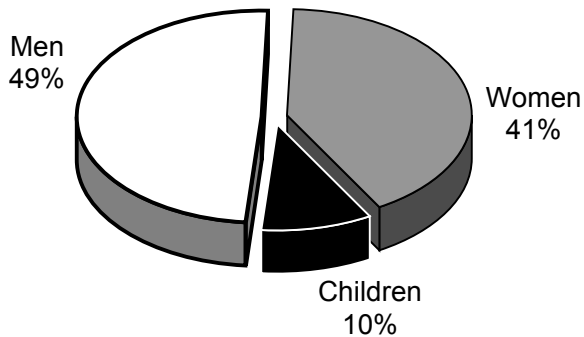
Motor Vehicle Arson by Year



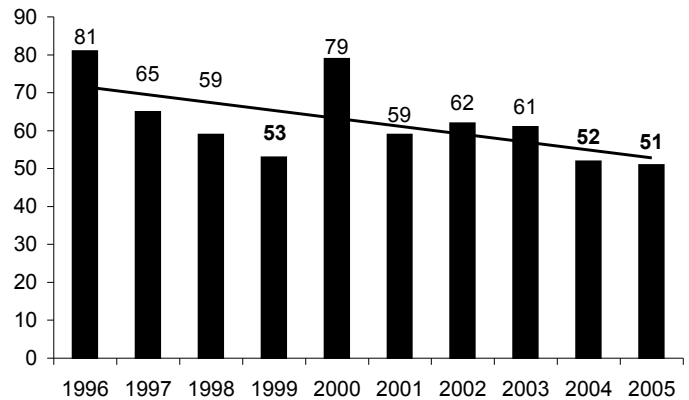
Structure arson fell 9% and motor vehicle arson fell 22% from 2004 to 2005. Since 1985, motor vehicle arson has fallen 97%. For statistical purposes, a fire is considered arson when the cause is listed as intentional & age is not a factor or the person involved was over 18. This definition excludes many "suspicious" and juvenile-set fires that were captured in MFIRS v4 prior to 2001, the first year of the revised Massachusetts Fire Incident Reporting System (MFIRS v5).

MASSACHUSETTS FIRE DEATHS IN 2005

Civilian Fire Deaths

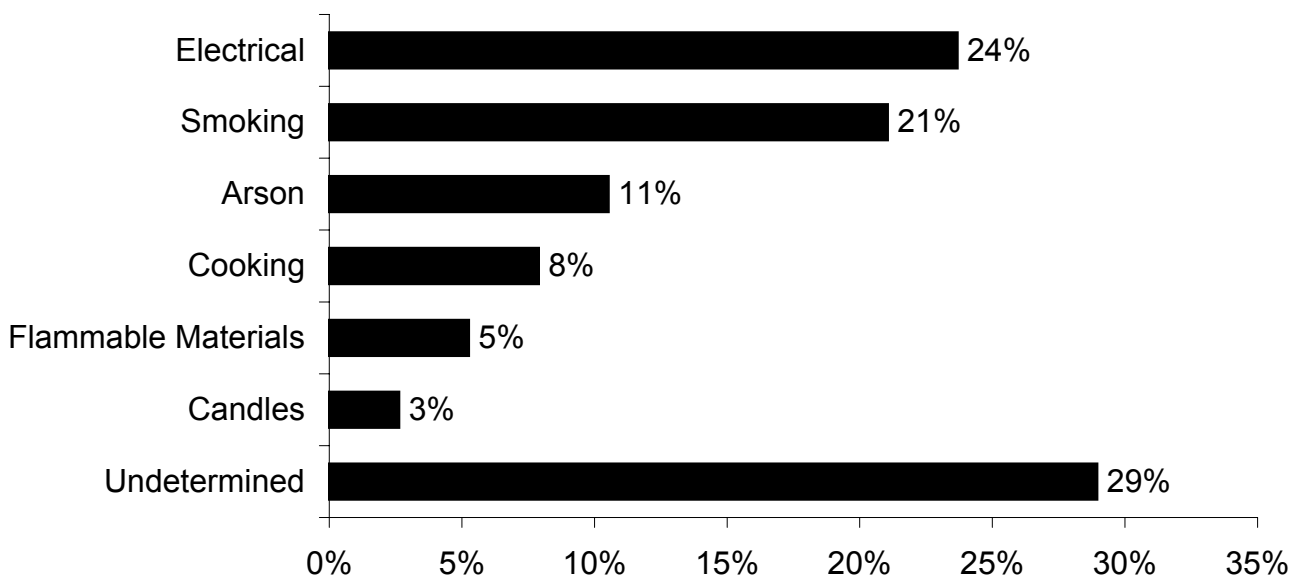


Fire Deaths by Year



- 44 fatal fires killed 51 civilians - 25 men, 21 women and 5 children. No firefighters died in a fire in 2005.
- 1 in 3.5 fatal fire victims was an older adult (over 65).
- Fire deaths decreased 2% from the 52 deaths reported in 2004.
- Lowest number of fire deaths in Massachusetts on record.
- 75% of the civilian fire victims died in their homes.
- Electrical fires started by electrical equipment and appliances were the leading cause of residential structure fire deaths. Electrical fires caused 9, or 24%, of residential structure fire deaths.

Causes of Residential Structure Fire Deaths



Test your smoke detector and plan your escape!
Fire doesn't wait!

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